

Hoover Says U.S. Must be Represented

New York, Mar. 17.—Herbert Hoover today issued a statement in which he has modified his opinion, expressed in a letter to President Wilson last April, that the United States should not be represented on the various boards provided to enforce peace in Europe. He now favors this country having a representative on the reparations commission in order that American interests may be protected. He protests against the publication of his letter to President Wilson on the ground that it was not issued from the White House and he had not consented to its publication.

The statement follows: "I have seen in some of this morning's papers a copy of a memorandum of mine that was prepared in the course of the peace conference on the subject of our participation in the large number of international commissions set up in Europe. As to the views expressed in the memorandum, they were later modified as to the particular of our having a representative on the reparations commission itself because of the large economic control finally given to it over a great part of Europe and the complete necessity of the United States to be represented thereon at once in order to protect American interests.

Publicity Not Authorized.

"Regardless of any personal point of view in this matter there is to me nothing that is such a breach of good taste or the very foundations of relations among government officials as for them to issue to the press correspondence that may have passed between them and their superiors in the course of their service without approval on both sides. I am informed it was not issued from the White House. It is scarcely necessary for me to say that it was not released by me and that a searching inquiry in my own office satisfies me that it has not come from my staff."

In his letter to President Wilson published today Mr. Hoover expressed opposition to the continuance of the various commissions set up under the peace treaty, saying that such allies relationship could only lead to vast difficulty and militate against the league of nations. Representation of the United States on the commissions, he said, would mean the country lending itself to the political and financial interests of other governments during peace, "a situation that must be entirely repulsive to our national interests, traditions and ideals." He added that he was not sure that the revolution in Europe was over and that "our people are not prepared for us to undertake the military policing of Europe while it boils itself out."

Honor at Stake.

The letter concluded: "It grows upon me daily that the United States is the one great moral reserve in the world today and that we cannot maintain independence of action through which this reserve is to be maintained if we allow ourselves to be dragged into detailed European entanglements over a period of years. In my view, if the allies can be brought to adopt peace on the basis of the fourteen points, we should lend to the whole world our economic and moral strength or the world will swing in a sea of misery and disaster worse than the dark ages. If they cannot be brought to accept peace on this basis, our national honor is at stake and we should have to make peace independently and retire."

Chilean Merchants Say The American Methods Are Poor

Santiago, Chile, March 16.—Chilean merchants complain of delays in delivery of goods ordered from the United States and that in some cases their orders are not filled by North American manufacturers, because the United States does not use the metric system of measures.

Some Chileans declare that, instead of consulting the wishes and peculiarities of the Chilean market, the American seems inclined to sell only what he has to offer and to impose conditions.

As evidence of this situation the Chileans cite the case of a firm of wholesale dealers who placed in the United States a large order for light summer wear textiles which were needed here in December. They paid 30 percent on account and after awaiting shipment were advised that it could not be made before the end of January. This cost that firm its surplus funds. The Chileans say that no explanations can condone that.

Copyright paper business is declared to have been completely taken away from the United States by Norwegian competitors because the American cannot guarantee deliveries nor prices.

One firm of iron founders placed a big order for material of various qualities and dimensions and two months later received advices that the material could not be shipped as the manufacturers could deliver goods only to approximate metric measurements.

There is some complaint that there seems to be no system in the North American export business and that the sellers have lost sight of the principle that the buyer is not forced to buy unless he chooses, that he has opportunity for choice and will buy where he obtains satisfaction in quality, delivery and credits.

Chile imports about \$150,000,000 worth of goods annually and, now that the nitrate export trade is booming, there is an active market here for machinery for new enterprises, steel and iron for public works and railroads, iron for private industry, petroleum, textiles, sugar and automobiles.

Salem Invited To Attend Big Trade Meet In 'Frisco

The Salem Commercial Club, in a letter from the Portland Chamber of Commerce today, is invited to participate in the Seventh Annual National Foreign Trade Council meeting in San Francisco May 2. Manager T. E. McCroskey is instructed in the letter to secure the names of those wishing to attend, and to make reservation on cards provided for that purpose.

The Portland Chamber, according to the letter, is sending 150 delegates. They will leave there on the "Oregon Special" at 11:45 p. m. May 8, arriving in San Francisco on the morning of May 10. Hotel Bellevue in the Bay City has been reserved for the Oregon delegation.

The trade council meeting is called for the purpose of striving to open greater markets for American products in foreign lands, and the benefit Salem will derive from such a meeting is held great.

Institutions for Insane are Panned by Stanford Head

Chicago, March 16.—The situation of American hospitals for the insane was termed "truly terrible" by Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur, president of Stanford University, in an address he delivered here today at the Annual Congress of Medical Education.

After emphasizing the need for teaching hospitals in every large city in the country, Dr. Wilbur had this to say of the hospitals for the insane: "We put tens of thousands of the mentally sick into great isolated institutions. Largely without medical students or training schools for nurses. Through competent administrators we care for them reasonably well, but we have learned and are learning but little of mental diseases."

"The ignorance of the average medical man of psychology and psychiatry is painful. Every such hospital should be a live optimistic center for study and not a pen for the lingering care of the hopeless or semi-hopeless. We cannot think of medical education in the future without bringing the stimulus of the student into such hospitals and likewise bringing one such hospital into the closest of contact with every medical school."

"Perhaps with the establishment of such conditions we can gradually place the decisions upon the questions of mental conditions in the hands of physicians instead of in those of untrained judges and emotional jurors." Dr. Wilbur said that "community welfare depends upon the engineer and physician more than the politician."

He suggested that the state foster the study of the causes of disease to reduce the heavy burden of "sickness, weakness and mental unsoundness." But he continued, "during the period immediately before us no greater disaster could come to the medical education than to have it and all of its necessary accessories fall completely into the hands of the state. The glory of American education lies in the bold initiative of such institutions as Harvard and Johns Hopkins. We may look ahead to a democratic state with governing bodies and a public wise enough to provide leadership in medicine, but for several generations we can not safely trust the future of medical education to the chance of politics."

"The safety of the state university medical schools will come from the active presence of those independently endowed setting the standards."

When the existing medical institutions of all sorts become centers of education of one form or another, Dr. Wilbur said, "we envy the physical comfort and happiness of the race."

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Declarations of Five Candidates Are Filed Today

John A. Jeffrey, 414 McKay block, Portland, today filed with the secretary of state's office here his nominating petition as a candidate for the democratic nomination for district attorney for Multnomah county. Jeffrey declares that he is independent of all cliques and factions and promises to "fearlessly and honestly enforce the law."

Elwood Washington of Hammond, Ind., intimation of whose desire to serve as vice-president of the United States, was received in a letter to the secretary of state's office several days ago, today filed his formal nominating petition as a candidate for the republican nomination. Washington's campaign card declares that his is the first of his name to be presented before a national political convention since the first president of the nation.

Other candidates filing today were: W. H. Brooks of Ontario, republican, candidate for delegate to the national republican convention from the second congressional district. Brooke declares for a "return to the principles of Washington, Lincoln, McKinley and Roosevelt."

P. J. Gallagher, Ontario, republican candidate for re-election as representative from the twenty-seventh legislative district.

Noble Andrews, Myrtle Creek, republican, candidate for nomination for representative from Douglas county.

Chinese Veteran and Church Leader Dies at Shanghai

Shanghai, March 16.—The Rev. H. N. Woo, whose death has just occurred here, voted for President Abraham Lincoln and fought with the Union forces in America's Civil war. He was 84 years old.

He had acquired a smattering of English when Perry came to the Far East in 1854 to negotiate the treaty between the United States and Japan and when Perry's fleet returned the Rev. Woo went with it aboard the sloop of war Plymouth as a cabin boy. He saw three years of service in the war and returned to China in 1863 when the Taiping Rebellion was at its height.

Soon thereafter he became associated with the American church mission at Shanghai and in 1866 he had a large part in establishing what was known as the Tung Jen E. Chu, a free dispensary from which has grown the St. Luke's hospital of today in Shanghai. He was ordained in 1880 and devoted the rest of his life to the work of christianity.

New Ministry In Bavaria Reported

Munich, Mar. 17.—A new ministry has been formed in Bavaria headed by Dr. Von Kahr, who takes the portfolio of foreign affairs in addition to the premiership. Heinrich Ernst Mueller of Meiningen, a democrat, who previously had been reported as the man who would form the ministry, has been made minister of justice. Herr Kofler becomes minister of finance. The ministry is a coalition of the democrats and the popular parties. Previous to its formation, Dr. Von Kahr had been named minister president by the diet.

One thousand five hundred and sixty-five women and girls in Idaho, Oregon and Washington are taking the Red Cross course in home hygiene and care of the sick.

Long Residence On Farm Is Ended By Grim Reaper

Death ended a residence of 61 years in the old home on the Murphy donation land claim, nine miles east of Salem, Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Margaret A. Frances died following a lingering illness. Mrs. Frances was born on the old farm 61 years ago, and has spent all her life there. The funeral will be held at the chapel of the Hixon & Son company at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Mrs. Frances is survived by four children, Ray C. Ramsden, residing on the farm; Roy J. Ramsden, Portland; Mrs. Edith Gage, Portland; and Carl Ramsden of Multnomah. A half-sister, Mamie Hulbert of Portland and three brothers, W. H. Murphy of Buena Vista, E. G. Murphy of Whiteman and C. C. Murphy of Portland, also mourn her death.

Mrs. Frances' first husband, R. H. Ramsden, died in 1906; and her second husband, W. H. Frances, died here in 1914.

Tasting Canned Goods to Detect Poison Is Risky

Stanford University, Cal., March 16.—Use your eyes and your nose, and never under any circumstances your tongue to determine whether any canned food is fit to eat, is the advice of Dr. Ernest C. Dickson of the Stanford Medical School, who is investigating botulism, the poison which has recently caused deaths among people eating canned food products.

The bacillus of botulism is destroyed by heat and there will be no danger from this source if canned foods are boiled before they are eaten, according to Dr. Dickson, who said this is the sum and substance of what science can tell the general public for its protection.

The Stanford University Medical School laboratory under Dr. Dickson in cooperation with the Hooper Medical Foundation of the University of California, with Dr. Karl Meyer in charge, is conducting an extensive investigation of the methods of food preservation. This investigation is being financed by canning interests.

Southern Timber Dealers Enjoined From Combination

Memphis, Tenn., Mar. 17.—The more than 300 members of the American Hardwood Manufacturers association were restrained from further exchange and distribution of stock and sales statements and certain other trade reports by an injunction granted here today by Federal Judge McCall.

The injunction will remain in force pending final hearings of the government complaint against the "open competition plan" which was filed in federal court here February 14. The government, in its bill of complaint, charged that distribution of certain trade statements and reports through the central office of the so-called plan here, constituted a conspiracy in restraint of trade in violation of the Sherman antitrust law.

In its answer the defense denied in detail the government's allegations. The plan was vigorously defended as wholly within the law.

Wednesday morning, the suit of Lewis Johnson against Fairfax M. Parrish and others was filed in the county recorder's office. This is a proceeding involving clearance of title to Marion county property.

Five Indictments Are Returned by Grand Jury Today

Working rapidly on a number of cases, the Marion county grand jury returned indictments Wednesday afternoon against five persons who had been bound over to await investigations.

Alice Smith, Joseph Lichty and Romeo Lais were each indicted on the charge of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and are held under \$1000 bond. Lichty and Lais, when arraigned before Judge Kelly, pleaded guilty of the charge and will be sentenced Wednesday afternoon. Alice Smith has not been arraigned for plea, but will be in court, Wednesday afternoon.

After a true bill was returned against Joseph Burdune, charged with forgery, a bench warrant was issued for his arrest and he is held under \$500 bond. Burdune was charged with passing a forged check upon the State Bank of Donald.

John A. Hess and Nora Dennis were arraigned upon the charge of lewd cohabitation and after pleading guilty are held under \$500 bond.

With the completion of these investigations, there remained two important matters for the jury to delve into. Working under the direction of Attorney General George M. Brown, the jury will investigate the state treasurer's office in connection with charges brought by a Portland paper concerning the purchase of certain municipal bonds.

It is understood that the grand jury will also be called upon to pass upon charges brought against the State Industrial Accident Commission by E. Lee Roy Keeley, a Portland attorney. Keeley, in his charges, alleges that the accident commission made the award in the Dibbern case in order to protect the Grant-Smith-Porter Ship company from a possible award of damages from the admiralty court, in which Keeley and Mrs. Dibbern had filed suit.

VEGETABLE POACHER OF FISHES

One of the most curious enemies of fresh water fish in many parts of the world is a small floating water-weed, the bladder-wort. Along its branches are a number of small green vesicles or bladders, which, being furnished with minute jaws, seize upon tiny fish, which are assimilated into its substance. "This is a subtle poacher, the true character of which has only lately been detected. Bladder-wort is a fairly common aquatic plant, and no very special interest attached to it ere its fish-eating propensities were discovered. Its tiny vesicles were known to contain air, and the only use of these so far known, was to keep the plant afloat—a belief, it is remarked, all the more reasonable because many aquatic plants actually have such air receptacles for that very purpose. The tiny bladders attached to the leaves and leaf stalks are each furnished with a door, the whole acting on the catch principle, entrance being easy, but exit impossible. Any water creature that ventures in to look around out of mere curiosity never by any chance emerges alive."

denly from heart disease last night at the family home here. Mr. Sinnott was born at The Dalles July 25, 1872. He had lived in Portland for the past 24 years.

Political Pot.

Washington, Mar. 17.—Representative Champ Clark of Missouri formally has announced that he would not be a candidate for the senate because of his unwillingness to swap "the democratic leadership in the house for the position of new senator."

Brother Of Oregon Congressman Dead

Portland, Or., Mar. 17.—Roger Sinnott, Portland lawyer and brother of N. J. Sinnott, representative in congress from eastern Oregon, died suddenly from heart disease last night at the family home here.

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